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Per reftel, on January 15 PolOff demarched First Secretary Panayiotis Papadopoulos, Department of Multilateral Affairs, Cypriot MFA regarding the results of the recent Athens Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Plenary. Papadopoulos commented that Cyprus supports the existence and activities of the MTCR, and wishes to become a full member. He suspects that Turkey will continue to block its candidacy, however. Regardless of its MTCR status, Cyprus will continue to be alert for signs of missle and missle technology proliferation, employing its customs service, police and military forces in the fight. ZIMMERMĀN